

## HAZCOLLECT ACRONYM AND ABBREVIATION PRONUNCIATIONS

Use of time zone references great distances away is unlikely for HazCollect, but still possible in a national non-weather emergency message. Therefore all CRS sites should ensure that all possible time zone pronunciations are included in their VIP Pre-Processor dictionaries for both male and female English voices. The following is the complete list:

ast = atlantic standard time  
edt = eastern daylight time  
est = eastern standard time (although your pre-processors may already have an entry for est. = established. which you may want to remove)  
cdt = central daylight time  
cst = central standard time  
mdt = mountain daylight time  
mst = mountain standard time  
pdt = pacific daylight time  
pst = pacific standard time  
akdt = alaska daylight time  
akst = alaska standard time  
hadt = hawaii aleutian daylight time  
hast = hawaii aleutian standard time  
hst = hawaii standard time  
sst = samoan standard time (The pronunciation for “samoan” may have to be included in the pronunciation dictionary, i.e., VIP Dict Manager. For Tom, try **sx.1mo.Xn**, and for Donna, try **sx.1mo.xn**)  
chst = chamorro standard time

Sites should use the Pre-Processor Window section of the VIP User’s Guide as a reference for adding VIP Pre-Processor dictionary entries for both male and female English voices.

## OTHER VIP PRONUNCIATION ISSUES BECAUSE OF HAZCOLLECT

Once HazCollect becomes operational, there will likely be other words and phrases appearing in HazCollect NWEMs which will cause problems for VIP. One such term is “Hazmat”. To have it pronounced better, try **1hAz.mAt** with both Tom and Donna in the pronunciation dictionaries (although Donna still puts the emphasis on the second syllable).

While we won’t be able to pre-program every person’s name or chemical name which might appear in NWEMs into VIP, offices should be able to check the names of HazCollect COGs (Collaborative Operating Groups) which will be sending NWEMs through the system. The COG name will appear in the text of each NWEM in the attribution line; for example:

**THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS TRANSMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF THE KY DAVIESS COUNTY EMA.**

These COG names will appear on the HazCollect applications which will be vetted through the appropriate office (WFOs for local Emergency Management [EM] organizations, State Liaison WFOs for State EM organizations, Regional Offices for Regional EM organizations, and NWS Headquarters for National ones. The vetting WFO should ensure that the COG name will be pronounced correctly by their office VIP voices. The vetting office will be also responsible for passing along names of approved COGs to other WFOs which could broadcast their NWEMs. NWS Headquarters will pass along approved national COG names to the appropriate Regional Office(s), who in turn will pass them on to their WFOs.

Looking through the COG names currently enrolled in the DHS DMIS system (on which HazCollect will reside), many of them (as with the Kentucky example above) use abbreviations and acronyms in their names. For better pronunciation, it is recommended that each acronym be spelled out in the VIP Pre-Processor dictionaries; for example, replace **EMA** with **Emergency Management Agency**. Of course, different offices may use the same acronym for different words, in which case you might have to include adjacent word(s) in the Pre-Processor, for example, replace **Daviess County EMA** with **Daviess County Emergency Management Agency**, in the event that another organization has a different meaning for the acronym EMA.